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The Ladies' War Relief Association.

(Hyderabad, Chuderghat, Secunderabad, Lallaguda,
Trimulgherry, and Bolarum).

Under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association,
Indian Head-Quarters, Simla.

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LADY PINHEY.

VICE PRESIDENT:

MRS. GLANCY.

HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER:

MRS. DWANE.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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SECUNDERABAD CENTRE.	{	LOCAL PRESIDENT... MRS. SCRAFTON.
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CHILKULGUDUM AND LALLAGUDA CENTRE.	{	LOCAL PRESIDENT... MRS. PEDDIE.
	{	SECRETARY ... MRS. AUSTIN.
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Mrs. IMAD-UL-MULK.

Mrs. HYDARI.

Mrs. NUNDY.

Mrs. NAIDU.

Mrs. DRAKE-BROCKMAN.

Mrs. OAKES.

Mrs. CAMERON.

Mrs. LAVER.

Mrs. BINNS.

Mrs. LUCK.

Mrs. NORTON.

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Mrs. GEORGE.

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THE GIFT OF INDIA.



Is there aught you need that my hands withhold,
Rich gifts of raiment or grain or gold?
Lo! I have flung to the East and West
Priceless treasures torn from my breast,
And yielded the sons of my stricken womb
To the drum-beats of duty, the sabres of doom.

Gathered like pearls in their alien graves
Silent they sleep by the Persian waves,
Scattered like shells on Egyptian sands
They lie with pale brows and brave, broken hands,
They are strewn like blossoms mown down by chance
On the blood-brown meadows of Flanders and France.

Can ye measure the grief of the tears I weep
Or compass the woe of the watch I keep?
Or the pride that thrills thro' my heart's despair
And the hope that comforts the anguish of prayer?
And the far sad glorious vision I see
Of the torn red banners of Victory?

When the terror and tumult of hate shall cease
And life be refashioned on anvils of peace,
And your love shall offer memorial thanks
To the comrades who fought in your dauntless ranks,
And you honour the deeds of the deathless ones
Remember the blood of my martyred sons!

SAROJINI NAIDU.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE.

MY personal thanks are due to every member of the Executive Committee, the General Committee, and to all the members of the Association, not only for the loyal support accorded to me but for the whole-hearted manner in which they have worked for the Association and, above all, for having kept in view the object of the Association, namely, "the requirements of the men on service, and the best way of providing them."

Request after request has been received, many of them urgent, yet not in one single case has the Association failed in immediately complying with the demands. The spirit which animates the workers will permit neither of delay nor failure.

As regards the supporters, I cannot say too much. They seem instinctively to know when help is required and not once has the Association been

permitted by its friends to run short of funds. The keen spirit of the workers also dominates the financial supporters not only in Hyderabad and Secunderabad but also in the Districts and even from England.

I should like to take this opportunity of adding a few lines of appreciation of the splendid work done by my Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Dwane. Last September she took over the very difficult and rather thankless task of straightening out the accounts. This she has accomplished in the most wonderful way, and our accounts are now a marvel of neatness and accuracy. I am sure she should be proud to show them for anyone who wishes to see them. Our grateful thanks are most certainly due to her for this labour and her most strenuous task of Secretary.

Two other workers I would also specially like to mention i.e. Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Carew Smyth. The former has in nearly all cases purchased materials and wool, superintended the cutting out of thousands of garments and packed most of the boxes. Both she and Mrs. Dwane continued their work of love all through the intense heat of the hot weather, and we are most grateful to Mrs. Johnston for her valuable and willing help. Mrs. Carew Smyth until her departure for England did all the collecting, the

giving out, and packing of a very large centre, and was much missed by us all but we hope to have her back this cold weather.

I can add nothing to the excellent report of our work by Mrs. Dwane which will I am sure interest all who read it and they will realize how much the Ladies' War Relief Association of Hyderabad and Secunderabad has done, and is still doing.

Victor Prikey.

President.

THE RESIDENCY, BOLARUM;

27th August 1915.

INDIA TO ENGLAND.

O England! in thine hour of need,
When Faith's reward and Valour's meed
Is death or glory;
When Fate indites, with biting brand,
Clasped in each warrior's stiff'ning hand,
A Nation's story;

Though weak our hands, which fain would clasp
The warrior's sword with warrior's grasp,
On Victory's field;
Yet turn, O mighty Mother! turn
Unto the million hearts that burn
To be thy shield!

Thine equal justice, mercy, grace,
Have made a distant alien race
A part of thee!
'Twas thine to bid their souls rejoice,
When first they heard the living voice
Of Liberty!

Unmindful of their ancient name,
Their fathers' honour, glory, fame,
And sunk in strife
Thou foundst them, whom thy touch hath made
Men, and to whom thy breath conveyed
A nobler life!

They, whom thy love hath guarded long,
They, whom thy care hath rendered strong
In love and faith,
Their heart - strings round thy heart entwine:
They are, they ever will be thine,
In life - in death!

NIZAMAT JUNG.

August 1914.

INAUGURATION.

THE Declaration of War with Germany on the 4th August 1914, and the stirring events which followed in rapid succession in Europe, very quickly compelled the residents of this station to realize that the time for action had arrived in which all must take part. This knowledge so rapidly driven home in the minds of the Empire was specially emphasized in this station, living as we do in the presence of a large garrison of His Majesty the King Emperor, and the military forces of His Highness the Nizam England's old Ally. The invasion of Luxemburg and Belgium by the Germans, the landing of British troops in France, and the great preparations so promptly set moving throughout the world, were keenly felt in Hyderabad and Secunderabad where it soon became known that the troops in our midst would at an early date be on the move to take part in the great fight with the common enemy for the safety of the Empire.

Although, with the exception of Nurses, the women of the Empire cannot find their way to the Front, and sacrifice themselves in the great cause as many would, they knew there was work, ample work, at hand for those whose lot it was to remain behind, and this knowledge quickly crystalized itself into action. In the course of three short weeks it was decided by the ladies of Hyderabad, Secunderabad and districts that they must organize and that their efforts must be organized—consequently after an informal meeting and discussion on the 23rd August the ladies of Hyderabad, Chuderghat, Secunderabad, Lallaguda, Trimulgherry and Bolarum met by invitation at the Residency, Bolarum, on the 27th August 1914 under the presidency of Mrs. Stuart Fraser, the wife of the Honourable the Resident, and formed themselves immediately into a working association named "The Ladies' War Relief Association."

OBJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The object of the Ladies' War Relief Association was two-fold, primarily to raise funds for necessities and comforts for soldiers and sailors on service and the sick and wounded in hospitals; secondly, having

secured the funds to utilize these with all speed in making and providing to the greatest possible extent, the articles that were most needed, and others that would afford some comfort and pleasure to the recipients. Its aim and object is practically the same as that of the St. John Ambulance Association but necessarily on a more limited scale, hence the decision to work under the auspices of that Association.

The thought that was uppermost in the minds of the women of Hyderabad and Secunderabad when this local Association was formed, was that the men at the front must know that although distance and the conditions of war separated them from their families and all whom they held near and dear, yet they were together in thought and ever present in the memories of those left at home, wherever that home might be. The men were to know that their sacrifices and exertions for their country and their homes, and all that is valued by them were treasured and held in high esteem by the wives, mothers, sisters and friends who remained far away in their own country and foreign climes. The work being done by the Association is for the men who are on service bearing the brunt of the war, but not for the satisfaction of the women at home; the members of the

Association hope that all men, soldiers or otherwise, will grasp this point.

It was realised by the ladies of the Association that the best means in their power of brightening the lives of those fighting desperately at the front was not only to maintain brave hearts but to send them such things as it was known their soldiers and sailors would need and appreciate, and which would be practical and actual tokens of the kindly thoughts that followed them to the trenches and the hospitals. With this thought in view, and none other, the ladies of this Association organized their work.

It was decided that the Association should work in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association, and that all work done should be packed ready for despatch and then sent to the Bombay Branch of that Association to be forwarded to the front or where most needed from time to time. The assistance rendered by the St. John Ambulance Association is described in later pages of the report.

Before the war the St. John Ambulance Association was an Association to:—

- (1) Instruct persons in First Aid in sudden accidents and illness.

(2) Instruct persons in the elementary principles of nursing and of preventing disease.

It took the place of the Red Cross Society in England. The British Red Cross Society has no Branch in India and does no work whatever in this country. Owing to its leading position in India and its existing organization the St. John Ambulance Association took on themselves on the outbreak of the war to provide:—

- (1) Voluntary aid detachments.
- (2) Complete Hospitals.
- (3) Gifts and comforts for French and Indian Troops in India and abroad.

THE FIRST COMMITTEE.

At the inaugural meeting at the Presidency Bolarum, on the 27th August of last year, a large and influential Committee was formed, and through that Committee an Executive Committee for work and

organization was elected of which the following were the members:—

President	...	Mrs. Stuart Pearce.
Vice President	...	Mrs. Wadman.
Hon. Secretary	...	Mrs. Maynard.
Hon. Treasurer	...	Mrs. C. A. Wilkinson.
Local President	... Hyderabad Centre including Chudergat.	Mrs. Glancy.
" Secretary	...	Do. Mrs. Johnston.
" President	... Secunderabad Centre.	Mrs. Harkin.
" Secretary	...	Do. Mrs. Dallas.
" President	... Chiknigedim and Lallaguda.	Mrs. Carew Smyth.
" Secretary	...	Do. Mrs. Gayer.
" President	... Trimignerry Centre.	Mrs. Adams.
" Secretary	...	Do. Miss. Hill.
" President	... Bolaram Centre.	Mrs. Wadman.
" Secretary	...	Do. Mrs. Wright.
" President	... Young Women's Christian Association.	Mrs. Pears.
" Secretary	...	Do. Mrs. Moore.

The duty of the Local Presidents with the assistance of their Sub-Committees was to collect funds and goods for the work, to secure workers and create interest in the movement. In this they met with much success, and were ably supported by

many donations, as the modified needs were illustrated further on by the statement of funds and goods collected and work done.

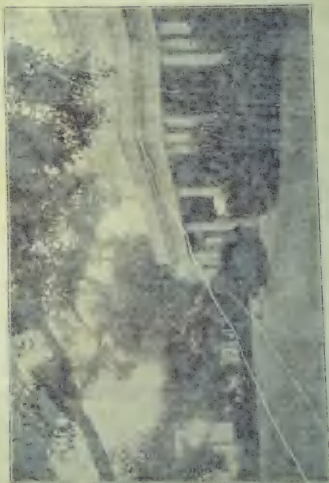
FINANCE.

At the outset on the 27th August 1914 the finance of the Association was necessarily considered on somewhat restricted lines owing to the impending great Meeting of the Imperial Indian Relief Fund which was to be held in the Chudergat Gardens, Hyderabad, two days later on the morning of the 29th August 1914 and at which subscriptions amounting to Rs. 2,88,000 were announced before the Meeting closed. With this great effort looming in the immediate future it was felt by the Ladies' War Relief Association that nothing should be done on the part of the ladies of the station which might deflect in any way from the success of that great Meeting, consequently it was decided, in the first instance, that the appeal for funds should be made to women only and that donations should be limited to a maximum of Rs. 10 while any other smaller sum would be accepted with gratitude. This decision met with ready response but it was very soon found that donations could not

be limited either to women or to Rs. 10. His Highness the Nizam promptly presented a handsome donation and funds arrived from many unexpected sources, the trading community being prominent with gifts of goods of many and useful descriptions.

FURTHER FUNDS.

Ladies of all classes and creeds joined freely and supported the Association, the Committee of which is representative and far reaching in its aims. All classes were approached and generous response was obtained, and will no doubt do more and more. Greater and continued efforts are required. Those who could aid with money sent it through the Local Presidents and Secretaries, others sent gifts many and varied, others were active workers and many combined their assistance in all three directions. The Bazaars of Secunderabad vied with the Purdah ladies of Hyderabad and the European community; all have taken part in and contributed to the success of the good work, we might even venture to say the great work, of the Association. Much has been accomplished, but much more remains to be done for our soldiers before the work of the Association



The Residency, Bolaram.

will be finished. Funds are required; goods are needed; and above all workers must be forthcoming, for without active workers the funds and goods cannot be utilized to the best advantage and can they be despatched as quickly as required. The Association regards itself as a "first aid" movement, and "First Aid" to be successful and effective must be immediate, and, in this matter, constant. The Association therefore appeals earnestly both for workers and supporters, the latter to provide the sinews of war and the former to apply them in the direction intended.

CHANGES

All whose lives are spent in India know that it is a country of changes, and the Association has felt this keenly. Many of the original members have gone, changes have occurred in the Executive and the Committee of the Association, workers have moved on, and generous friends have left; fortunately many of the best people, from the ranks of both workers and supporters, must be recruited and trained as changes come. The Association relies on voluntary support, "voluntarism" is a

would unknown to it, and workers and subscribers are now both wanted to fill the losses caused by the changes mentioned above.

The changes in the Committee referred to above, which have been ably filled as they occurred, commenced in the very early days of the existence of the Association. The first to leave were Mrs. Moynell and Mrs. C. A. Wilkinson, whose husbands proceeded to France with the gallant King's Own Shropshire Light Infantry, and the warmest sympathy of the ladies of the Association was extended to their first Honorary Treasurer when news was received that Major C. A. Wilkinson met a soldier's death in France.

Mrs. Wadeson the first Vice-President shortly followed to Europe when General Wadeson left for France in command of the Secunderabad Cavalry Brigade. The transfer of Lt. Colonel Adams ended the Committee of the services of Mrs. Adams. Mrs. Ceciw Smyth, Mrs. Peare, Mrs. Hankin and Mrs. Gayer also had to go home, and last but not least was the loss through transfer of the first President of the Association Mrs. Stuart Fraser, consequently the only original local President remaining is Mrs. Glancy. Serious though these losses were other ladies promptly filled the gaps and most effectively

continued the good work and maintained the standard of efficiency aimed at from the outset.

On the departure of Mrs. Stuart Fraser, Mrs. Glancy took over the post of President for some months until Lady Pinhey returned to Hyderabad and assumed the leadership, Mrs. Glancy remaining on the Committee as Vice-President.

In the ranks of the General Committee and among the workers changes have constantly occurred, and the vacancies in turn have been filled.

The only loss that has not been made good as a collective body is that of the Secunderabad Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association, which as a society has slipped out of the hands of workers, although many are still doing excellent work as members of other Centres. Prior to the departure of Mrs. Pears this Association collected a large sum of money and did much good work. The advent is needed of a leader to infuse life and energy into that Association and bring it back once more as a working factor on to the roll of workers. Ladies of the section who can influence the members of this society are invited to, by bringing them back and put fresh life and soul into that sister Association in connection

with the War Relief work. Since going to press the Secunderabad Branch of the Y. M. C. A. has voluntarily resumed work as one of the Centres of the Ladies' War Relief Association.

ASSISTANCE RECEIVED.

The President and the Executive Committee of the Ladies' War Relief Association have been immensely aided in their work by the assistance rendered to them by friendly supporters, to whom reference must be made. One whose work takes him into the districts has devoted much of his leisure-time in explaining to the public outside of Hyderabad the good work being done by the women of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, and the necessity for it. His efforts were rewarded by the ready response of those who listened to him and donations have been freely given. Another has brought home the existence of the Association, and has contributed largely to the success of its efforts, by appealing with great results to the warm hearts of the Indian population of Secunderabad which is ever ready to help a good cause.

The Wesleyan Christians of Medak, a small community of country people, subscribed amongst themselves and sent to the Association the handsome sum of H. S. Rs. 615 through the Rev. C. W. Posnett of the Wesleyan Mission, accompanied by a message which shows that there are warm hearts amongst country people ready to afford real help, and show their interest in the Empire and their sympathy with those fighting their battles.

The ladies of the Sargam Chikiri and of the Gold Mines of Hutti, both very small isolated European communities, have assisted the Association not only with funds but with work done with their own hands. They are valued workers who have come forward of their own accord, although far removed from the personal influence of the capital of the State.

The Purdah ladies of Hyderabad have also done much in many ways to show that their kind hearts are ever with the troops on service, and that they are as ready as others to alleviate the hardships experienced by the soldiers in the trenches, and the sufferings of the sick and wounded in hospitals. The Association lays great value on their kind help. Their work is more fully referred to further on in the Report.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.



The Executive Committee of the Ladies' War Relief Association meets at the Secunderabad Club every Tuesday under the Presidency of Lady Pinhey. The frequent attendance at these meetings of the members of the General Committee is proof of the real and practical interest taken in the work of the Executive Committee, and illustrates the determination of the ladies of all classes to maintain a continued and organized effort for the benefit of the troops so long as the need therefor lasts.

WORKING PARTIES.



At an early hour every Saturday afternoon a large party of workers meet at the Residency at the invitation of Lady Pinhey, the President. This weekly working party is a great success and a very real and practical means of disseminating knowledge of the requirements of the Association, and of the work being done and the reason why it is so essential. This working party embraces all ranks of Indian and European ladies. It is attended by

amongst others and their daughters who are conspicuous for their business and ability at practical work, other Indian ladies who are not purdah, and European ladies of all ranks connected with the Civil and Military services, and other communities, all meet and combine with the one great thought which, put into words, means that the women of this little corner of the Empire shall do their part in working for their country, their Army, and their Navy, and they intend that their soldiers and sailors shall know that there are many loving hands working for the men abroad who are fighting to protect the homes of the Empire from the destruction that has overtaken so many in Belgium, France and Russia.

The weekly working party brings together many representatives of all classes who are concentrating in amity their efforts in one direction, viz., the work of alleviating the hardships experienced by the brave and strong and the sufferings of the sick and wounded soldiers and sailors who are taking part in the great fight.

PURDAH WORKING PARTIES.



Many anxious and zealous workers among the purdah ladies of Hyderabad only wanted the opportunity

tunity of doing more than helping with funds. Invitations were consequently issued by Lady Pinhey to the parish ladies of Hyderabad to meet at the Hyderabad Residency, those invitations received the most cordial response and large working parties met there which gave the ladies of Hyderabad the much wished for opportunity of combining to work, as others did, for the benefit of the soldiers undergoing hardships in distant countries. These parties have been greatly appreciated by the ladies who attended them for reasons already stated, and are perhaps unique in India.

CHARACTER OF WORK.

The description of clothing and various sorts of comforts required by the troops have been notified from time to time by the St. John Ambulance Association, the leaders of which are kept in touch with the needs of the troops by the Army Staff. The Association has consequently had the assurance all through that the labour of love performed by its members has been directed in the right direction, and has not been devoted to the out-turn of articles which were unsuitable or not required.



Working Party at the Residency, Bolarum.

This knowledge is a source of great satisfaction to all workers, and more especially so as where acknowledgments have been received from the front expressing the appreciation of those who received the clothing etc. It may be mentioned here that all boxes contain the name of the Association thus enabling the recipients to learn the source of supply.

The articles made and supplies provided have been forwarded by two means (1) in boxes by rail way through the St. John Ambulance Association, (2) direct to troops in eleven pound parcels through the Postal Department; the latter procedure has the advantage of affording prompt and direct compliance with urgent wants, but the Ladies War Relief Association has to defray the postage.

APPRECIATION

Apart from the grateful acknowledgments received from Regiments serving at the front, the Association received a very valuable appreciation of their work on the Anniversary 1900. Second Lieut. J. No. 14 Company, 2nd Queen Victoria's Own, Hyderabad and Mysore. On that occasion the commanding

Officer, Captain S. Pemberton, R. E., wrote a very pleasing letter to the President, stating that he would shortly send a contribution to the fund from his Company and asked if the Association could provide his men with certain articles of clothing. The request met with willing and liberal compliance, and in the course on reaching his destination Captain Pemberton remitted the sum of British Rs. 150, namely Rs. 100 being a contribution from the Officers of the Company and Rs. 50 from the men of the Company. This incident is mentioned as showing that the work of the Association is valued, and that its labours are known to be rightly directed.

ADOPTION OF A REGIMENT.

In February 1916 a change was made in the method of the despatch of clothing and comforts at the instance of the Commander-in-Chief, and with the approval of the Council of the St. John Ambulance Association, Head Quarters, Simla. The object of the change was to bring regiments on service and workers at home or abroad into direct touch, to provide requirements to regiments which previously might have been overlooked, and to insure that

individual regiments would receive the things which for the time being they most needed.

With this object in view the Association was invited "to adopt" one or more regiments to which its work would in future be directly devoted, and to provide until the end of the war all the extra comforts over and above those provided by Government. The selection of the Association fell to the 2nd Queen Victoria's Own Rajput Light Infantry which regiment had for several years formed part of the Garrison of Secunderabad, and which when leaving left many friends and well-wishers behind.

A large consignment of clothing and comforts consisting of 850 khaki cotton shirts, 350 vests, 850 pairs of socks, 40 seers of spices, 8 maunds of gurako, 2 dozen shirts specially made for officers, many boxes of cheroots and cigarettes, books, magazines, newspapers, playing cards, etc., has reached the 2nd Rajputs, and been gratefully acknowledged. The special requirements of the regiment having been notified by Lieut. Colonel Dunsford further supplies are being forwarded. In the meantime the Association has been informed of other and urgent wants, including shirts for a Territorial regiment in India, and it is working hard to comply with them.

The Association is extremely indebted to the St. John Ambulance Association for the goods so liberally donated in the interests of clothing and medicines to troops in service and in the sick and wounded in hospital. A large portion of the work done by the Association was facilitated in consequence of the War Office Depot of the St. John Ambulance Association, Bombay, that Depot received the packages and made the entire arrangement for the despatch of goods to their destination, which involved, at times, heavy work. It was undertaken gratuitously by the Association, and carried out free of cost, the Ladies' War Relief Association having no anxiety or work connected therewith beyond forwarding the railway receipt and a list of contents of the boxes. The sincere thanks of the Ladies' War Relief Association are tendered to the St. John Ambulance Association for the great and continuous assistance rendered.

ASSISTANCE FROM RAILWAYS.

The Ladies' War Relief Association also take advantage of this Report to express their thanks to

the Agent and Chief Engineer (Messrs. W. & A. P. Smith, B. E.) and the Officers of His Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railways Company Limited and to the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Co. for the special assistance afforded, particularly in connection with the free carriage of all goods for troops on service which saved the Association a heavy outlay against its funds. The goods carried free are clothing and comforts for the Army and Navy which under the sign of the "Red Cross," and the emblem of the St. John Ambulance Association, reach their destination free of all cost. His Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railways Company Limited has also rendered most useful assistance in packing and providing free the dealwood and zinc-lined cases required for the articles forwarded by rail, thus relieving the Association of all anxiety in connection with the contents of the boxes. For these important services the grateful thanks of the Association are offered.

BANK OF BENGAL.

The Bank of Bengal has also assisted the Association much help by receiving and having charge of the funds free of cost, although by doing so considerable correspondence and much clerical work has fallen

on the staff of the Bank, and their kind and invariable courtesy is greatly appreciated by the Association and gratefully acknowledged.

THE SECUNDERABAD CLUB.

The thanks of the President and the Ladies of the Association are also gratefully acknowledged to the Committee and Members of the Secunderabad Club for allowing the weekly Committee Meetings to be held at the Club, and for other assistance so kindly afforded by the Honorary Secretary.

PUBLISHERS.

Our publishers, Messrs. A. V. Pillai & Sons, The Gladstone Press, Hyderabad, have generously printed this report free of charge. The President and Committee heartily thank Mr. R. V. Pillai, Barrister-at-Law, the proprietor, for the great personal interest he has taken in the publication and for the technical knowledge he has so willingly brought to bear on the work to make it attractive.

THE HYDERABAD BULLETIN.

The Proprietor and Editor of the Hyderabad Bulletin has afforded great assistance to the Association in publishing free of charge its reports, appeals, and lists of subscriptions, and thus bringing into publicity the aim of the Association and the work being done. The President and Committee are indebted to Mr. R. H. Cameron for the assistance so cordially rendered which has done much to swell the roll of subscribers.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

The excellent photographs bound with this Report were taken and presented free to the Association by Mr. S. Frankel, Photographic Artist, Trimulgherry. The President and Committee have pleasure in not only acknowledging them with thanks but also the cordial offer of further assistance in the future.

The blocks of the photographs were made and printed by "The Times of India" Press, Bombay, at specially low charges for which the thanks of the Association are due.

THANKS OF THE COMMITTEE

The grateful thanks of the President and Executive Committee are offered to the General Committee and the large body of earnest workers and supporters in the station and beyond, and particularly to members of the civil community who have made the good work their own and given freely in funds, time, and labour. The Indian ladies of Hyderabad have shown a great and special interest in the work which cannot pass unnoticed, and it is gratefully acknowledged. The President on behalf of all members of the Association expresses sincere thanks to all supporters for their recognition of the work and for making the Association the medium for rendering assistance to the soldiers and sailors who are serving in the great war, and upholding the honour of the Empire and keeping "the flag flying".

WAR FETE, BOLARUM,

The War Fête, was held on the 16th and 17th of August 1915, in the spacious grounds of the



Ward in the Indian Troops War Hospital, Trimguerry.

Residency, Bolarum, under the leadership of Lady Pinhey assisted by Mr. G. E. C. Wakefield as Director-in-Chief, Sir Brian Egerton K. C. I. E., Major Nawab Khusru Jung Bahadur, Personal Assistant to the Honorable the Resident, Mr. R. H. Cameron and numerous other capable helpers.

Sir Brian Egerton's "Eastern Mysteries" never ceased from 3 p. m. until 8 p. m. daily and attracted a large crowd. In the arena bouts of wrestling by eight Indian champions were held at frequent intervals, followed by ram fights. The stalls within the enclosure had parties of acrobats, jugglers, conjurers, a cyclist trick rider of great skill, and musical parties, vocal and instrumental. A real Kestel, war dance, and other dances by Arabs and Silihs.

Majors Munro-Lindsay's Royal Union which performed twice daily was clever and amusing, and was greatly appreciated.

A Pleased Troupe of the 2nd Sikh Units under the direction of Mr. Alec Robertson, played a very pleasing and versatile band of performance, and attracted crowded houses.

The children of the 7th Q. O. Messengers afforded a very pleasing item in the programme, and gave a

May-pole dance in most excellent style to the music of the regimental band.

The wild west show was an open air performance given by The Boy Scout Association, assisted by a mounted section of the Hyderabad Volunteer Rifles and mounted Boy Scouts. This entertainment attracted a very large and appreciative audience who admired the bold bare-backed riding and unswervingness of the boys under the guidance of their firm and capable District Commissioner, Mr. R. H. Cameron.

The mirrors at the Fine Art Gallery, the Chamber of Horrors, the elephants, camels, and numerous other side-shows received much patronage, and proved a source of considerable income.

Messrs. Spencer & Co., and Messrs. Ait & Co. provided attractive stalls.

Dainty little saleswomen disposed of large numbers of beautifully dressed dolls, bags and baskets of sweets, etc, etc.

The refreshment enclosure conducted by Miss Pinhey and Miss Violet Pinhey were in great

demand. The tents were manned by twenty-two of the ladies of the station entered as volunteers.

H. H. the Nizam's band had the band of the African Cavalry Guards played an excellent programme throughout the evening.

The Fete was an immense success, and was attended by His Highness the Nizam and sons, and a large concourse of people of all classes.

Financially the Fete exceeded expectations and produced a large sum by which the Ladies' War Relief Association will profit and will be in a position to assist War Relief Work in India directly. At the time of giving to pass the accounts of the War Fete have not been closed and the profits will therefore be included in the accounts of the next year.

The great gratitude of the Association is due to Lady Pinhey, and her large band of workers whose hard work and unremittingness produced such happy results, happy in the fact that the Fete afforded great pleasure to the large numbers who were fortunate enough to attend it and happy also in the benefits which those on service and in hospital will derive from its successful success.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

The total collections from the 27th August 1914 to the 31st August 1915 amount to Rs. 27,102-5-3. During that period the expenditure was Rs. 21,901-3-0 leaving a cash balance in the Bank of Bengal of Rs. 5,237-6-3. The Association has no debts unpaid.

On the 30th June 1915 the funds were low and the balance went down to British Rs. 2,915-7-8 but since that date numerous and liberal donations have been received, and it would appear that all persons intuitively united to provide means of meeting the needs of the approaching winter.

During the coming months flannel shirts and warm clothing will be required in large quantities, and the Association is deeply indebted to its supporters for having so heartily responded to appeals at this time of year especially as the cost of flannel and all woollen goods has largely increased thereby involving greater outlay.

APPEAL.

The President and the Committee white expressing heartfelt thanks for the liberal and sympathetic

assistance so kindly and freely afforded in the past, appeal most humbly for the continuance of the help of the workers, and the support of subscribers to the funds, without which the Association could not in the future meet with the success that it has won in 1914-15. The President and the Committee rely freely on securing the same hearty and substantial assistance both from workers and supporters in the future, with which they have met during the past twelve months, and which is the more valuable because of the necessity, and the ungrudging spirit, in which it has been presented.

Lady Pether has appealed to generous subscribers for monthly subscriptions and already many substantial monthly subscriptions have been promised by the Officers of the 1st Buffs and the 2nd Sea Brigade's Cavalry (Frontier Force), and others are expected.

L. MARY DICKIN,
*Honorary Secretary
and Treasurer.*

SECRETARIES (BENGAL).

THE 31st August, 1915.

GOD SAVE THE KING-EMPEROR.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

For the period 27th August 1914 to 31st August 1915.

British Rupee Currency.

Receipts.	British Rs.	Expenditure.	British Rs.
Donations and subscriptions ...	27,169-5-3	Expenditure ...	21,551-15-0
		BALANCE.	
		Bank of Bengal Secunderabad.	5,237-6-3
Total ...	27,169-5-3	Total ...	27,169-5-3

The expenses of the Association were paid for as incurred and there were no unpaid bills or outstanding accounts due on the 31st August 1915.

L. MARY DWANE,

Honorary Secretary

and Treasurer.

1st September 1915.

BANK OF BENGAL.

SECUNDERABAD.

2nd September 1915.

This is to certify that the balance at the credit of the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer Ladies' War Relief Fund account was British Rupee 5,237-6-3 (Rupees Five thousand and two hundred and thirty seven annas six and pies three) at the close of business on the 31st August 1915.

D. HIGHTON,

Sub-Agent.

The donations and subscriptions are furnished in detail in the lists annexed. The work and articles on which the expenditure was incurred are given in full detail in the lists attached hereto.

*Summary of amounts collected from 1st January
1914 to 31st August 1915 by the respective Centres.*

	Brit. Rs.	s.	p.
Hyderabad Centre	11,230	3	4
Secunderabad Centre	6,249	15	4
Chilkalgudium and Lallaguda Centre..	1,290	0	11
Bolarum Centre	544	7	6
Trimulgherry Centre	177	4	9
Secunderabad Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association	167	4	3
Received direct by the Honorary Treas- urer and through the President and others	7,591	0	3
Total collections	27,169	3	3



Major E. W. Browne, I.M.S., Staff and Patients, the Indian Troop War Hospital, Trimulgherry.

VICTORY.

"Rani have you heard the news?" "What news father?" "Sunder Singh has arrived by the Mail this evening". "Then he has come a week earlier than he was expected. I was with Basant Koi this evening, and she told me he would not be here till next Saturday".

It was almost dark, and Dr. Rai did not see the look of radiant happiness on his daughter's face. It was a face of rare loveliness, oval in shape with a low broad forehead from which the hair fell away in natural waves. The eyes were a deep brown, set far apart, and though not tall the figure was slim and dainty. She was dressed in a light yellow sari of soft silk, and father and daughter made a pretty picture as she lovingly clasped both hands round his arm.

There was a strong bond of love and friendship between this father and daughter. Rani had lost her Mother at an early age and Dr. Rai had found comfort in his sweet little daughter, and had cared for her with all a mother's love and devotion.

The first night after his great loss he went into the little girl's room and found her sitting up wide-eyed in her bed. "Why don't you go to sleep?" "Lie down and shut your eyes Rani, it is very late." "I have not said my prayers." He rested himself by the bed side, and the little one hunched down and said her baby prayer. Then she kissed him, and holding his hand fell asleep.

It was her first appeal to his fatherhood and before he left the room Dr. Rai determined that the child should find a Mother's care and love in him. He always made time to read with her, and pray with her, and joined in her childish games and pleasures. One of the things Rani learnt from him was to be truthful, and that the best way to serve God was to try and do something for some one every day and to say some kind word to some one.

As she grew up Dr. Rai encouraged in her a sense of responsibility and she soon became a conscientious little house-wife, tidying the rooms and attending regularly to the affairs of the household. Dr. Rai also encouraged her to become a good invalid cook, and often took her to visit his sick who needed cheering and enjoyed a dainty meal.

The years had passed and Rani was now his greatest help and comfort. After dinner that evening Rani sat idle on the dimly lit verandah. She was thinking of Sunder Singh, who had been her constant companion ever since she could remember anything.

Sunder's mother lived in the adjoining bungalow, and when Rani's mother died she had been full of sympathy and had continued to lavish love and tenderness on the lonely child.

Two years ago Sunder Singh had gone to England to take a final examination in medicine, and now Rani was wondering and dreaming about him. "I wonder if he will have changed much," she thought "and if he will come and see us to-night." Almost in answer to her thought Sunder Singh came hurrying up.

"My own Rani, you have grown up, though to me you will always be the same, my own Rani" "I am very glad you have returned, and have not forgotten me". "Forgotten you! You know very well I have been longing to see you again."

They sat long on the verandah talking of the past, his visit to England and her two years in a hill school.

Sunder Singh remained with his mother expecting his orders, and every day Rani and he met. They played tennis together, and accompanied by Dr. Rai went to the social gatherings of the small station together.

Dr. Rai had many misgivings. Had he been wise in allowing this intimacy? There could never be marriage between these two for they belonged to different faiths.

The last days of Sunder's stay were drawing near, and he determined to ask Rani to be his wife before joining his regiment.

"My orders have come Rani. I will have to join my regiment at Ferozepur on the 10th, so you must come early to the picnic to-morrow and we will have a long day together."

The picnic had been a great success and the full moon had risen when the guests began to wend their way homeward. Sunder Singh's opportunity had come, and Rani knew she must give him a definite answer.

"Rani, you know I love you." "I have always loved you." "Will you marry me?" "Just tell me

first if you love me, afterwards we will argue." "I know you are going to argue."

"I also love you Sunder, as you have said, so it is with me. I have always loved you very much, but we will not argue for I will not marry you". "I am thinking of you more than of myself. You know what your Mother has been to me, you know that you are all she has and this will break her heart." "I will not say anything about our being of different faiths, some day you too will know that there is One who claims first service."

"We will not speak of my Mother Rani." "All you say is true, but you know too that she is narrow-minded, prejudiced and bigoted. With regard to this religion you always have uppermost in your mind. Keep it, dear heart, it is the only way for you, and it makes you ten times more precious to me."

"I would not know my Rani, without her sense of duty, her rights and wrongs and her prayers—and I would not have you change for me. As for me, you know I have always got along very well without this sort of thing. The end of all religions is after all the same. I have worked hard for success and have always tried to think and act decently."

Rani remained quite firm, and Sunder Singh, thoughtful for the first time, went away to his work with a determination that he would never, soon and win Rani.

"We have broken out, Rani, and it is quite certain that the Indian Army will be made use of." Both father and daughter were shaking with Sunder, and that evening Rani stayed long with Basant Kor telling her the story of the death of Austria's last and how the small kingdom of Belgium was threatened and invaded and England drawn into the war.

Not long after, the Indian Division passed under for the front, and Sunder Singh came home to bid his Mother good bye. Basant Kor was broken hearted, but she was also resigned. Her strength was failing, and her time had nearly come. Sunder Singh feeling he would never see her again, blessed Rani for the unselfishness which had saved his mother from bitter sorrow. Rani promised to take care of Basant Kor, and took charge of many little matters which Sunder could not now entrust to his Mother. "I will look after your Mother, dear Sunder."

"And Rani, if there is news of me in the papers will you look it to her yourself dear one?" "I have

been a careless sort of fellow, dear, pray for me that I may do my duty always and forget myself in serving the suffering."

Life was never the same for Rani after Sunder's departure. Basant Kor grew rapidly worse, and the day Rani broke to her the news that Sunder Singh was wounded was her last.

After all was over, and Basant Kor's affairs settled, Rani went to Dr. Rai and begged him to let her be a nurse in the Military Hospital now in his charge. The work was strenuous and Rani did not spare herself. Dr. Rai did not interfere with her, he knew from his own experience that work, and constant work, would keep her calm and sweet, and save her from the bitterness of regret.

Time passed, and yet no definite news of Sunder Singh came. Three months had passed, and every day both father and daughter grew less hopeful. Dr. Rai no longer mentioned Sunder's name, but he noted the eager haste with which she opened the paper each day and then silently laid it aside.

A batch of wounded were coming in. A local Sirdar had provided refreshments at the station. There was a great crowd, and among them Dr. Rai, superintending the removal of helpless cases.

Then Dr. Rai saw Sunder Singh. Sunder being crutches but Sunder is truth. Strong man as he was, and accustomed to suffer and suffering, tears stood in his eyes and he embraced the young man unashamed of his emotion.

Dr. Rai took Sunder to his own house, and that evening as they sat on the verandah Rani told him of his Mother's death and Sunder related to them the wonderful story of how life had come to him out of death, and joy out of suffering unspeakable.

"Going out, while we were on board ship, I was depressed and unhappy about you Rani, and about my dear Mother."

"Then I was at first nervous and afraid. Shell fire is an awful thing, and I am not ashamed to say the cruel and the actual suffering of the dying, and the sight of the dead, at first sickened me. Soon we were too busy to think, too tired to look back. Often whole nights and days passed in unceasing work, and such work."

"Then came the awful night of the 23rd November. We were in a building with the wounded. There were twenty-seven wounded and we two doctors. The position was becoming unsafe. The



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order for the ambulances came. We sent on sixteen of the wounded. They could bear it and perhaps live. The eleven left could not be moved. My colleague went on with the ambulance. Some hours passed, and I lay down in a corner to snatch a brief rest."

"Then it began. They were firing deliberately at the Red Cross. I believe eight shells fell into that quarter. I only knew of three."

"When I became conscious I found myself pinned down by a heavy beam. I could not move and the agony was intolerable."

"When I awoke, He was beside me, the white man of the trenches. Many of the wounded had spoken of Him. But I had not stopped to think about it."

"Now He stood before me, a look of infinite love and pity on His face. He removed the heavy weights which pinned me down and gently touched my broken ankles. Then He bent down and said, 'Do not fear, I have work for you to do yet and I know you will do it.'"

"I saw a woman, pity found me."

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Donor.		Amount.		Total.	
		Brs. Rs. a. p.	H.S. Rs. a. p.	Brs. Rs. a. p.	H.S. Rs. a. p.
Brought forward		9,520 2 0	4,590 4 0	Brought forward	10,979 11 0 0,558 4 0
Proceeds of a Conjuring and entertainment organized by Mr. A. G. Pearce		115 2 0		The Hyderabad Ladies' Association	
The Lady Thana Poore		28 0 0		Major " Bangle R.E.	
Mr. G. E. C.			10 0 0	Association of Hindustani Hindustani Church Medak	
Wahedoolooloo (lost by)				Mrs. Maynard	
The Nawab Sa- ad Jung Bahadur		200 0 0		Miss Cammell	
Mr. Garbhaiah Singh		52 0 0		Proceeds of Con- cert by St. Ann's Church per the Rev.	
Railway School Children's As- sembly Concert		50 0 0			
N. & M. N. S. S. School					
Hyderabad Va- lentine's School		571 2 0			
Tennis Club		50 0 0			
Lady Dinkay		100 0 0			
The Ladies of Hathur Math					
Ray		60 0 0			
Col. Stewart Smith R. P. A.		5 0 0			
Nawab Wajid Ali Khan					
Bahadur		100 0 0			

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No.	Amount.	Name.	Amount.
Ros. Rs. a p.	H.S. Ru. a p.	Ros. Rs. a p.	H.S. Ru. a p.
Brought forward	13,282 2 0	Brought forward	14,062 2 0
COLLECTED BY CAPT. J. E. D. SCRATTON—		Sett Dundigal Keshavulu, Se- cunderabad ...	51 0 0
Dewan Bahadur Seth Rangopal Lutchmabara- yan, Secunde- rabad ...	94 0 0	Sett Chidura Sett Parthi Ray derabad ...	51 0 0
Khan Bahadur Harnamaji and Seth Gungabhai, on Mohanlal, Secunderabad ...	101 0 0	Sett L. Mothi- ram, Trimul- gherry ...	50 0 0
Sett Chintakun- ta Dakshin, Se- cunderabad ...	100 0 0	Sett Chowdri Seth Pipala Shi- tharam ...	50 0 0
Mr. Gunpath Dhimrao, Resi- dency Bazaar	100 0 0	Seth Chetari and Sons, Se- cunderabad ...	50 0 0
Raja Bhagwan- das Baridas ...	100 0 0	Mr. M. Asgar Chanderghat ...	50 0 0
Rai Bahadur Sirdarmall Sa- ganmull, Resi- dency Bazaar	100 0 0	Seth Sedasoo- Jankidas, Resi- dency Bazaar	13 1 0
Rao Sahib Ram- annaiah Pooliah & Sons, Bela- rum ...	76 0 0	Seth Burugu Vira- vannatham, Se- cunderabad ...	30 0 0
Seth Siddema- ty Chundrich, Secunderabad.	51 0 0	Seth Abdulla Sa- hib, Ibrahim- Nahib, Secun- derabad ...	30 0 0
Seth Macharia Ramannaiah, Se- cunderabad ...	51 0 0		
Carried over ...	14,062 2 0	Carried over ...	14,062 2 0

Name.	Amount.		Name.	Amount.	
	Tota. Rs. a. p.	H.S. Rs. a. p.		Tota. Rs. a. p.	H.S. Rs. a. p.
Brought forward	18,999 11 2	11,959 8 4	Brought forward	16,547 11 2	11,959 8 4
Sett. Keshava Sungli Mysore Bolarum	10 0 0	—	Sett. Panna Leo dool, Secunder- abad	10 0 0	—
Sett. Balakrish- nappa Secunderabad	10 0 0	—	Sett. Arumant Kandlakota, Se- cunderabad	10 0 0	—
Sett. Venkata Gou- diah, Secun- derabad	10 0 0	—	Sett. Raja Ram- iah, Secunder- abad	10 0 0	—
Sett. Narayana Ven- katesh, Secun- derabad	10 0 0	—	Sett. Gudam Luchmiah, Racy. Bazaar	10 0 0	—
Sett. Desai Sa- mudraiah	10 0 0	—	Sett. Ramrathna Secunderabad	10 0 0	—
Sett. Basappa Ad- vaja, Secun- derabad	10 0 0	—	Sett. Sivanath Racy. Bazaar	10 0 0	—
Sett. B. Ramdiah Kandlakota Racy. Bazaar	10 0 0	—	Sett. Ramara- yan, Secun- derabad	10 0 0	—
Sett. East India Co., Mysore	10 0 0	—	Sett. Joseph Ab- dool Karim, Secunderabad	10 0 0	—
Sett. Ganeshaiah Secunderabad	10 0 0	—	Sett. Govantra- m, Bowenpully	8 0 0	—
Sett. Channiah, Trimmigherry	8 0 0	—	Sett. Channiah, Trimmigherry	8 0 0	—
Sett. Y. Bhoo- mannah, Tri- migherry	8 0 0	—	Sett. Y. Latch- mannah, Se- cunderabad	7 0 0	—
Sett. Y. Latch- mannah, Se- cunderabad	7 0 0	—	Sett. S. Rajoo, Trimmigherry	7 0 0	—
Carried over	18,999 11 2	11,959 8 4	Carried over	16,547 11 2	11,959 8 4

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	Tota. Rs. a. p.	H.S. Rs. a. p.		Tota. Rs. a. p.	H.S. Rs. a. p.
Brought forward	16,547 11 2	11,959 8 4	Brought forward	16,510 11 2	11,959 8 4
Sett. Panna Leo dool, Secunder- abad	10 0 0	—	Sett. Premraj Amolai Chand, Bolarum	5 0 0	—
Sett. Arumant Kandlakota, Se- cunderabad	10 0 0	—	Sett. Jetmal Ganpathmull, Bolarum	5 0 0	—
Sett. Raja Ram- iah, Secunder- abad	10 0 0	—	Sett. Venkata Re- jannah Rajiah, Bolarum	5 0 0	—
Sett. Gudam Luchmiah, Racy. Bazaar	10 0 0	—	Sett. Solathi Venkannah, Ra- manah, Bola- rum	5 0 0	—
Sett. Ramrathna Secunderabad	10 0 0	—	Sett. Manasa Sungli Bahiah Bolarum	5 0 0	—
Sett. Sivanath Racy. Bazaar	10 0 0	—	Sett. Gokal Raji- ah Lingiah, Bo- larum	5 0 0	—
Sett. Ramara- yan, Secun- derabad	10 0 0	—	Sett. Sivanah Nagiah, Bola- rum	5 0 0	—
Sett. Joseph Ab- dool Karim, Secunderabad	10 0 0	—	Sett. Tota Ra- jannah, Ling- annah, Bola- rum	5 0 0	—
Sett. Govantra- m, Bowenpully	8 0 0	—	Sett. Hagariah Chatoor Bhaj, Bolarum	5 0 0	—
Sett. Channiah, Trimmigherry	8 0 0	—	Sett. Saisamul Chatoor Bhaj, Bolarum	5 0 0	—
Sett. Y. Bhoo- mannah, Tri- migherry	8 0 0	—	Sett. Saisamul Chatoor Bhaj, Bolarum	5 0 0	—
Sett. Y. Latch- mannah, Se- cunderabad	7 0 0	—	Sett. Saisamul Chatoor Bhaj, Bolarum	5 0 0	—
Sett. S. Rajoo, Trimmigherry	7 0 0	—	Sett. Saisamul Chatoor Bhaj, Bolarum	5 0 0	—
Carried over	16,547 11 2	11,959 8 4	Carried over	16,510 11 2	11,959 8 4

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Name.	Amount.		Name.	Amount.	
	Rs.	P.		Rs.	P.
Brought forward	10,910	11 2	11,059	8 4	
Seth Hanumanth Hyderabad. Sec- underabad ..	5 0 0	—	Seth Hanumanth Hyderabad. Sec- underabad ..	5 0 0	—
Seth Manohar Narasimhaloo, Secunderabad ..	5 0 0	—	Seth Manohar Narasimhaloo, Secunderabad ..	5 0 0	—
Seth Hanumaiah pooth Secunder- abad ..	5 0 0	—	Seth Kalai Mu- nna Lal, Secun- derabad ..	5 0 0	—
Seth Hanumaiah Secunderabad ..	5 0 0	—	Seth Sangam Ma- nannaiah, Sec- underabad ..	5 0 0	—
Seth Hanumanth Secunderabad ..	5 0 0	—	Seth Hanumanth Secunderabad ..	5 0 0	—
Mr. L. S. Naidu Bapat-law, Sec- underabad ..	5 0 0	—	Seth Poonam chand Secun- derabad ..	5 0 0	—
Mr. H. C. Raju Hyderabad ..	5 0 0	—	Seth Dhalchand Secunderabad ..	5 0 0	—
Mr. Durgam Hyderabad ..	5 0 0	—	Seth Ganga Pati Yenkaiah, Sec- underabad ..	5 0 0	—
Mr. Hanumanth Hyderabad ..	5 0 0	—			
Mr. Hanumanth Hyderabad ..	5 0 0	—			
Mr. Hanumanth Hyderabad ..	5 0 0	—			
Carried over	10,910	11 2	11,059	8 4	
			Total	17,000	11 2

GIFTS IN KIND.

Dr. E. Henderson Hunt	...	Indian forms for the Indian New Hospital, Telangana.
The Directors of the Hyder- abad Mills	...	Rs. 200 worth of cloth.
Mr. A. C. Bertie	...	28,000 Indian cigarettes.
Mr. Hyder Sheriff	...	100 Indian pipes and 2,000 cigarettes.
Mr. Shaik Abadi	...	50 Indian pipes and 200 Indian pipes.
The Staff of Messrs. Abid & Co.	...	100 wooden smokers.
Messrs. John Pile and Co.	...	1,200 cigars and 1,200 cigarette holders.
Jemadar Gulam Mahomed Khan, Jagirdar	...	100 yards of cloth and 1,200 cigarettes.
Messrs. Alladin and Sons	...	24 aluminium tobacco
Messrs. John Burton and Co.	...	A box of 14 wooden smokers, 1 set of 14 wooden smokers, 2 cigarette holders, 2 cigarette holders, 2 sets of 14 wooden smokers, 2 cigarette holders, 2 cigarette holders.
Mr. Isaac	...	50 Indian pipes and 200 Indian pipes.
Messrs. John Burton and Co.	...	1 set of 14 wooden smokers, 2 cigarette holders, 2 cigarette holders.

Employees of the Hyderabad Mills	...	100 pairs of sheets.
Mr. Ahmed Hussain C. S. I.	...	Box of cigars.
Mrs. Crawford	...	1,000 cigarettes.
Mrs. Binn	...	24 books.
Mrs. Branch	...	Tobacco, pipes and writing paper.
Mrs. Luna	...	500 cigarettes.
Mrs. Clarke (collected by)	...	22 boxes cigarettes, 18 boxes cigars, 2,61,000 bundles, 100 cigarettes and 14 cigars and 1 set of tobacco for collection representing Rs. 500.

The Officers' Mess, H. H. the Nizam's Regular Troops	...	2,000 books.
Mrs. Hydari	...	2 Naval kit bags.
Mrs. Nundy	...	2 "
Mrs. Mallanah	...	2 "
Mrs. Swamy	...	1 "
Mrs. Munirah Yar ul Dowleh	1	"
Miss F. Munirah	...	1 "
Mrs. Inad-ul-Mulk	...	1 "
Lady Pinney	...	1 "
Miss V. Penney	...	1 "
Mrs. Hashim Munirah	...	1 "
Mrs. Johnston	...	1 "

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Mr. A. S. Shankar	...	1 Naval kit bag.
Nawab Shere Ali Khan	...	1 "
Singh Sahai Janki Bhakatar	...	25 Indian Gramophone Records.
Miss Harrison	...	6 pairs knitted socks.
Mrs. Johnston	...	1,000 cigarettes and books and pictures.
Mrs. Khalkobad Munshi	...	1 Complete 10 bed unit.
Mrs. Hydari	...	1 "
Mrs. Inad-ul-Mulk	...	1 "
Mrs. Nundy	...	1 "
Mrs. Mallanah	...	1 "
Mrs. Hydari	...	1 Indian Bedroom kit bag.
Mrs. Nundy	...	1 "
Mrs. Naidu	...	1 "
Mrs. Brown	...	1 "
Mrs. St. John Pollit	...	1 "
Mrs. Mallanah	...	1 "
Mrs. Homan	...	1 "
Mrs. Blake	...	1 "
Mrs. Stephens	...	1 "
Miss Long	...	1 "
Miss Smith	...	1 "

Names of articles.	Number or quantity sent.
Radiolaene caps	253
Mufflers	312
Shoes	100 pairs.
Cotton wool absorbent	100 lbs.
Muslin for swabs	9 250 yards.
Cotton wool first quality	70 lbs.
Common tow	84 lbs.
Smoked bone tins	67
Manicure cut-thimbles	164
Savonlet soap	67 lbs.
Soft soap	67 "
Tuber soap	264 cakes.
Playing cards	67 packets.
Indian tobacco	85 lbs.
Tobacco in 4 oz. tins	42
Cigarettes	6,700
Knitting needles	67 sets of four.
Knitting yarn	67 pounds.
Blank exercise books	42
Library books	210
Twill for splint pads	402 yards.
Dolce biscuits	67 tins.
Flourings powder	24 "
Biscuits	210
Flourines	140
Kanamas	140
Besais	140
Small cotton wool mattresses	140
Cardamams	6 seers.
Nuts	2 "
Cloves	2 "
Hotel nut	2 "
Susari	2 "
Boracic powder	50 tins.

Names of articles.	Number or quantity sent.
Safety pins	24 cards.
Book rules	12
Writing books	20
Indelible pencils	36
Postcards	36
Envelopes	600
Note paper	12 packets.
Cigars, cigarettes, cigarette holders and pipes.	1 Case no. 26 = 21 inches.
Cigarettes	22 boxes.
Cigars	18 "
Beedees	861,000
Chillams	400
Tobacco	1½ maunds and 1 seer.
118 Red Cross Kit Bags containing:	
Shirts	50
Shawls	80
Vests	118
Socks	472 pairs.
Deck shoes	118
Towels	118
Kurtas	60
Housewives	118
Blankets	50 boxes.
Balloons	50
Tea	50
Soap	118 cakes.
Handkerchiefs	200
Drawers	54
Vaseline	50 tins.
Boracic powder	50
Mufflers	54
Pyjama suits	54

Names of articles	Number of quantity sent.
<i>To the Indian Troops War Hospital, Trimulgherry.</i>	
Pillows	100
Pillow slips	100
Bed covers	100
Placemat covers	100
Orderley's aprons	10
Dusters	50
Cigarettes	1/500
Operating gowns	4
Socks	100 pairs
Stretchers	4
3 large boxes containing miscellaneous warm clothing.	
1 st aid boxes for a Hospital Ship	100
A large number of books.	
<i>To the War Hospital, Hyderabad.</i>	
Sheets	100
Pillow slips	100
Towels	100
Blankets	100
Socks	100 pairs.
Lustres	50
Shoes	50 pairs.
Pajamas	50
Handkerchiefs	50
Kurtas	104
Female suits	104
Operating gowns	5
Operating screens	5
Table cover	1

Names of articles	Number of quantity sent.
<i>To the Indian Troops War Hospital, Trimulgherry.</i>	
Sheets	200
Bed covers	100
Bandages	6
Operation towels	12
Operating gown	1
Orderley's apron	1
Dusters	6
Lavatory cloths	12
Screen covers	4
Khaki handkerchiefs	24
Flannel bed jackets	10
Flannel suits	86
Dhoties	120
Shirts	72
Pajamas	108
Woollen socks	86 pairs.
Cotton socks	72
Cotton suits	72
Cigarettes	9,000
Pictures	6
Playing cards	56 packets.
Chessmen & board	1 set.
Draughts & board	1 "
Tiddledy winks	2 "
Pachosa	4 "
Beedies, chillums and Indian tobacco.	A large quantity.
Papers and Books	Many.
A Christmas entertainment was given to the inmates of this Hospital.	
<i>To No. 8 Indian General Hospital, Cairo.</i>	
Indian Gramophone Records	50

Continued.

Names of articles.	Number or quantity.
<i>To Station Hospital, Seaside, Cal.</i>	
Cases	100
<i>To the Hospital Ship "Lettie"</i>	
Writing paper, pencils, and envelopes.	
<i>To various Regiments of horses.</i>	
<i>personal parcels containing—</i>	
Pyjama suits	18
Drawers	18
Shirts	86
Socks	86 pairs.
Mittens	86
Vests	18
Corsets	72
Chemises	9,000
Perfume bottles	86
Perfume powder	18 boxes.
Vaseline	18
<i>To Miss Dimmocks Q. A. M., N. S. I.,</i>	
<i>for a war Hospital at the front.</i>	
Shaving mirror	1
Note paper	6 packets.
Envelopes	100
Stamps	2
Indelible pencils	12
Perfumes	12
Trays	4
Cups and saucers	8
Teapots	2

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Names of articles.	Number or quantity.
Shampoo	1
Perfume	6
Perfume	9
Shaving cups	3
Perfume	4
Chairs	3
Clocks	2
Knives	6
Forks	6
Tea spoons	6
Exercise books	4
Blotting paper	6 sheets.
Feeding cups	4
Sponges	6
Tooth brushes	6
Powder boxes	3
Tooth powder	6 boxes.
Soap	4 boxes.
Nail scissors	2 pairs.
Nail brushes	6
Rubber goods	6
<i>To the Navy.</i>	
Hockey sticks	3 sets.
Footballs	3
Mittens, mittens, etc.	1 large parcel.
Books and papers	1 book-parcel.
<i>To the Navy 36 Tropical kit bags</i>	
<i>Containing:—</i>	
Sweaters	36
Vests	72

Continued

Name of articles.	Number or quantity sent.
Socks	72 pairs.
Handkerchiefs	140
Mafians	30
Cholera Belts	20
Boots	20
Cigarettes	1,000
Handkerchiefs	20
Soap	20 cakes.
Tooth brushes	20
Towels	20
"Horse" bags	10
<i>To the 2nd Infantry Infantry.</i>	
Vests	70
Knick shirts	70
Socks	70 pairs.
Diapers	20
Cigarettes	2,000
Spices	20 pounds.
<i>To the 3rd Infantry.</i>	
Vests	850
Knick Shirts	850
Socks	850 pairs.
Officers' Knick shirts	24
Spices	40 seers.
Indian tobacco	8 maunds.
Playing cards	21
Cigarettes	1,200
Combs	800
Books, miscellaneous papers	A large quantity.
Boiled cup covers	176

Continued.

Name of articles.	Number or quantity sent.
<i>To Lady Paget for Hospital ship "Medusa."</i>	
Boiled cup covers	150
Plate covers	95
<i>A parcel containing a quantity of miscellaneous warm clothing</i>	
<i>To the 2nd Q. V. O. Sappers and Miners</i>	
Shirts	215
Socks	215 pairs.
Boracic ointment	215
Helmet flaps	4
Spine pads	2
Handkerchiefs	21
Cigarettes	2,000
<i>60 Comfort bags containing:</i>	
Socks	60 pairs.
Handkerchiefs	120
Letter cards	120
Pencils	120 pencils.
Buttons	120 buttons.
Black and white thread	20 cakes.
Soaps	200 pieces.
Cigarettes	21
Tooth brushes	20 pairs.
Boracic ointment	21
Cholera Belts	A quantity.
Needles, safety pins etc	

Continued.

Names of articles.	Number or quantity sent.
<i>To the 2nd Somerset L. I.</i>	
Flint-chests	20
<i>To S. Battery R. E. A.</i>	
Cigarettes	2,500
<i>To 4th Hampshire Regiment</i>	
Spice-pots	40
Halved coconuts	40
<i>To 1st South Devon</i>	
Cassidy's band	(10)
<i>To the Rehabilitation Officers, Hongkong</i>	
Small bags	1,700

Colonel Donegan R. A. M. C., was paid Rs. 50 for the purchase of Thermos Flasks to take on service.

Mrs. Cassels was paid Rs. 50 for the purchase of socks, cigarettes and tobacco to send to the 6th Jats, the Poona Horse, and the 20th Deccan Horse.

A donation of Rs. 100 was made to the St. John Ambulance Association, Main Quarter Fund, Sec 11.

Mrs. Mowbray was paid Rs. 100 for comforts for the 1st Battalion, the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

The French Flap Nursing Corps was paid Rs. 100 for comforts for hospital.

IN FRANCE.

The old gentleman had some justification for being very cross. He had, like the rest of us, been much interested in the trains of soldiers that had passed us earlier in the day, but then none of us had any idea that the delay thereby caused would end in missing connection at a small French country junction in pouring rain and being told we would be obliged to spend the night there.

The old gentleman was sending his courier-valet with an abandonment of fury which must have been very comforting.

The courier had advised him to take this fatal train, the courier had not prevented him losing his umbrella, the courier had told him five minutes ago that there was an omnibus, and there was none.

As he was really an invalid, the lady in grey, who had travelled in the same carriage, felt impelled to offer a share of her umbrella, which old Sir James accepted eagerly, but scarcely concealing the fact that he would have preferred the umbrella without the lady. The courier, with a parting imper-

tion, was left to transport the baggage with the help of an inadequate hand-cart, pushed by an aged and inadequate porter. The depressed party struggled over an unevenly paved street, with increasing difficulties between the rough stones, and drizzling rain overhead.

Sir James always got pneumonia when his feet were wet, and rheumatism and sciatica when his shoulders were wet; consequently, the lady in grey soon found herself splashing beside him, while he stepped delicately from cobble to cobble; she also soon found herself getting nothing from her umbrella but a drip.

Once she ventured to say that, after all, one must remember the country was at war, but this made Sir James very indignant.

At war? Yes, but what had that got to do with it? Wasn't England at War? And was there anywhere in England one could suffer such inconveniences and dangers to health? It was simply stupidity—want of arrangements—in fact, stupidity. The French were always slack and indolent—witness these awful cobbles—witness the want of an omnibus—and this final of a courier had told him there *was* an omnibus—Imagine the idiocy of planting a hotel so far from the

station! And *such* a hotel, square, hideous, and apparently deserted. This was the final blow. Sir James had no more words. He stood in the porch and shivered, his whole attitude a speechless reproach to Providence and the French nation.

The lady in grey thought it fortunate that when he regained his tongue, on the belated approach of the landlady, it was still an English tongue. She was not a very attractive landlady, and she greeted her visitors with little of the usual welcome of a French provincial hotel-keeper. She looked bewildered, almost surly, and made difficulties about receiving them. If *ces messieurs et dames* had let her know beforehand—! For dinner—she would do what she could, but she feared it would be difficult—for rooms, she could provide. She regretted, but it was the war—what would you? She regretted that these ladies and gentlemen were wet. Only yesterday the horses of the omnibus had been taken—what would you? They were wanted—they were strong and fat.

The lady in grey was the last to be shown to a room. All the passengers were wet, and many were invalids; nobody therefore saw any reason to waive his or her claim to first consideration, and this caused a certain amount of delay.

The room was like hundreds of other French provincial hotel rooms: one large French window, a bed with a lumpy red eider-down, carpet of shagreen on the floor; on the wall a card with directions to stop once for the housemaid, twice for the waiter, three times for the boots.

"But you are alone, are you not?" said the grey lady.

The landlady's commonplace face had kept its sullen, indifferent expression through all arguments about rooms and food. At the kindness in voice and words, it suddenly, surprisingly changed for a moment; her thick lips quivered, her uninteresting eyes filled with tears. Instantly she conquered herself, and answered quietly: No, she had a maid who was helping in the kitchen.

"But all the rest?"

"What will you, Madame? France wanted them. First our domestics;" she paused for a moment and drew a sharp breath; "then our three sons. Few come here since the war; before there were many, for our baths for the rheumatism. Not English like Madame, but of the good bourgeoisie. We made good profit. Madame will perhaps excuse, as it is long since we have had so many visitors. Also there are

now few shops open to buy hurriedly, as few are left to sell and fewer to buy."

Madame felt she ought not to encourage her hostess to remain, when the dinner for so many hungry people would undoubtedly be delayed. But the outburst of words, so easily provoked, was such an obvious relief to the poor woman that she could not bear to be unsympathetic.

She said: "But when your sons come back...."

The woman broke into her words with a little cry: "Ah, Madame, they will never return. Only this morning we had news that the last died in hospital...."

She caught her breath in a sob and wiped her eyes mechanically; "What will you, Madame? It is a good death. I thank Madame for her sympathy and I must go and see for the dinner of these gentlemen and ladies. Ah, had it been but yesterday! My husband is a chef and all here know well his cooking. Madame would have been pleased...."

"But surely they haven't taken your husband, too?" said the grey lady. "his age...?"

"What will you, Madame? When the news of our little Jules' death came this morning, he left everything. He put down the chicken he was broasting like that! and he left the soup to burn. He said 'The boys are gone, therefore I must take their place to serve France'. Because they would not take him here, he has gone to Paris. *De pauvre vieux!* He is solid, and he can cook, but he is an old man. Madame, excuse: they ring for me."

The lady in grey impulsively caught her landlady's hand.

"You poor woman!" she cried, "You poor, poor woman!"

"What will you? It is the same for all ... But if Madame would explain to these ladies and gentlemen ... especially to the old gentleman, who is so angry? One does what one can. But it is the war ... Is it then not the same in England?"

The lady in grey had no answer ready.

M. HAMILTON.

BOLARUM, DEC 28,

August 1915.

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

No. 8 INDIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL,

DEAR MRS. DWANE,

The 3 dozen Indian Gramophone Records have arrived, and are much appreciated by the patients in Hospital. Very many thanks for sending them.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

P. V. LUMSDEN.

INDIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE "E."

C/o PRESIDENCY POSTMASTER.

Bombay, July 8th, 1915

DEAR MADAM,

I thank you very much indeed for your letter of 3rd May about the packages of shirts and vests and socks for this Regiment. All these articles arrived safely and their numbers were correct.

The men were delighted to get these and will write in thanking you very much for your kindness in sending them sent to us.

We received seven cases of gifts from the Hospital Ship "Loyalty", which contained vests, shirts, socks, books, cigars and cigarettes, paper, and also the gursko tomacco. All these have been issued out, and all ranks were delighted with them and have asked me to express their very sincere thanks for your kindness in sending them.

Again thanking you and the Association very much indeed for the gifts sent for the regiment and with kind regards

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

H. G. TRANCHELL,

QUARTERMASTER, LIEUT. 2ND Q. V. O. RAJPUT L. I.

FROM THE TRENCHES.

3 parcels of warm clothing received.

C. J. COCKBURN,
for O. C. 6TH JATS.

Parcel received safely.

C. W. A. GAMLEN,
ASST. HON. SECY.,
The General Hospital Indian Troops Gift House.

November 19th, 1915.

Parcel of warm clothing received. Very many thanks for your kind gift which is much appreciated.

A. B. CARRISLE, CAPT.,

COMMANDING OFFICER,

"B" Battery, F. H. S.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.

WOMAN HORSE.

Three parcels of warm clothing received. Very many thanks. All ranks wonderfully fit and well in spite of bad weather. Salams from us all. It is very nice of you to remember us all.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE. }

W. H. CHICHESTER, CAPT.

November 18th, 1915. }

INDIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

DEAR MADAM,

I write on behalf of the Indian Officers and Regiment to thank you and your Association most for the generous gifts of warm clothing which arrived. Those of the British Officers who recalled themselves at your

generously are also anxious to express their gratitude and I hope you will convey to all the ladies of your Association our thanks for so kindly remembering us. The women's clothing is much needed and is most welcome as every of the men's ordinary kit had got worn and useless owing to continued heat and work in connection with their duties.

Again thanking you most warmly

I am,

Yours truly,

A. SMITHERS, LT. COL.,

Comdg. 76th Punjab.

SOMEWHERE ON SERVICE.

March 6th, 1915.

I. E. F. "E".

DEAR MRS. DWANE,

Your letter was indeed a pleasant surprise. We all have happy memories of our stay in Secunderabad and look back upon it as one of the best stations the regiment has ever been in, so that there is no place we would sooner have been adopted by.

I am now temporarily commanding the Brigade and have handed over your letter to Col. Dunsford who is commanding the regiment, who will let you know what it is most in need of. I feel sure the men will fully appreciate the generosity and kind thought of the ladies who are doing so much for their welfare.

I am to the left of your Commission the names of many of our old members. Will you please think both those we knew and those we do not by their good government. Respectfully

Yours sincerely,

F. A. SMITHER, COL.,

Commandant,

and G. F. O. Duggan, L. J.

April 18th, 1915.

SOMEWHERE ON SERVICE.

No. 845 L.

OFFICE OF INDIAN TROOPS
WAR HOSPITAL,

FROM

OFFICER, COMMANDING,
INDIAN TROOPS WAR HOSPITAL.

TO,

MRS. DWANE,
HONY. SECY., & TREASURER,
LADIES' WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION,
Oxford Street,

Secunderabad.

Please accept, on behalf of the sick and wounded in the hospital, grateful thanks for the kind and useful amount of clothing,

generosity are also anxious to express their gratitude and I hope you will convey to all the Ladies of your Association our thanks for so kindly remembering us. The warm clothing was much needed and is most welcome as many of the men's ordinary kit had got worn and useless owing to continual wear and work in connection with their duties.

Again thanking you most warmly.

I am,

Yours truly,

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Comdg. 76th Punjabis.

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I see in the list of your Committee the names of many of our old friends. Will you please thank both those we know and those we do not for their great goodness to the regiment?

Yours sincerely,

F. A. SMITH, COL.,

Commandant,

2nd Q. V. O. Rajput, L. I.

April 18th, 1915.

SOMEWHERE ON SERVICE.

No. 345 L.

OFFICE OF INDIAN TROOPS
WAR HOSPITAL,

FROM

OFFICER, COMMANDING,
INDIAN TROOPS WAR HOSPITAL.

TO

MRS. DWANE,

HONY., SECY., & TREASURER,

LADIES' WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION,

Oxford Street,

Secunderabad.

Please accept, on behalf of the sick and wounded in this hospital, grateful thanks for the kind and useful present of clothing,

viz: 36 white coats and trousers.
40 dhoties.

received from the Ladies' Association; the gifts are most highly appreciated.

E. M. BROWNE, MAJOR I. M. S.,
O. C., I. T. W. Hospital.

SECUNDERABAD, dated, May 24th, 1915.

The O. C. Station Hospital, Secunderabad, acknowledges with many thanks receipt of 1,000 cigars for wounded soldiers.

H. O' REILLY,
MAJOR, R. A. M. C.
Commandant, Station Hospital,
Secunderabad.

8-4-1915.

INDIAN TROOPS WAR HOSPITAL,
SECUNDERABAD.

The Officer Commanding Indian War Hospital, writes on behalf of the patients to offer their grateful thanks to The

Ladies' War Relief Association for the kind gifts of clothing and books received yesterday. The light suits are greatly appreciated by the patients in the present weather.

INDIAN TROOPS WAR HOSPITAL,
TRIMULGHERY,
Secunderabad,
30th March 1915.

DEAR MRS. PINHEY,

I am writing to express to you and all ladies of the Ladies' War Relief Association the most grateful thanks of the patients and all concerned with this Hospital for your kind gift of clothing and cigarettes.

I can assure you that your generous and useful presents are very highly appreciated by the wounded.

Yours sincerely,
E. M. BROWNE.
MAJOR I. M. S.

INDIAN TROOPS WAR HOSPITAL,
SECUNDERABAD,
4-5-1915.

DEAR MRS. DWANE,

I am writing on behalf of the patients in this hospital to express their grateful thanks to your Association for the kind

gift of 2,000 cigarettes and 12 packs of playing cards. May I say that we shall be most grateful for any further gifts of the same kind you may be able to send us?

Yours sincerely,
E. M. BROWNE,
MAJOR I. M. S.

No. 49.

Hyderabad,
Dated, May 10th, 1915.

FROM

THE SECRETARY,
ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION,
Secunderabad Centre.

TO

THE PRESIDENT,
LADIES' WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE,
Hyderabad.

MADAM,

I am desired by the President and Committee of the Secunderabad Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association to acknowledge receipt, with many thanks, of the report on the work of the Ladies' War Relief Committee under you, and to convey to you and to all the Members of your Committee their sincere appreciation of the strenuous efforts put forth and

their congratulations upon the splendid results achieved, which we are glad to note have already received due appreciation and acknowledgment from the seat of war.

I have the honour to be,
Madam,
Your most obedient servant,
H. B. DRAKE BROCKMAN,
LIEUT.-COL. I. M. S.
*Secretary—Secunderabad Centre,
St. John Ambulance Association.*

Copy of a letter received from the Officer Commanding the 9th Indian General Hospital, Indian Expeditionary Force from the seat of War somewhere.

TO

THE HONY. SECRETARY,
SECUNDERABAD BRANCH,
St. John Ambulance Association.

9TH INDIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL,
I. E. F. D.
1st April 1915.

DEAR SIR,

Will you please convey to the donors, (the Ladies' War Relief Association), of Red Cross gift boxes in your division my

deepest gratitude for the aid given to this hospital since November last.

The gifts have added materially to the comfort of the sick and wounded and efficiency of the hospital, and the Medical Officers and patients are very grateful for them.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) G. B. IRVINE,

Lt. COL. I. M. S.

O. C. 9th I. G. H.



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